

Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific
Workshop on Forging Partnerships in Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific,
18 – 19 November, Phuket, Thailand

A two-day workshop on Forging Partnerships in Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific organised by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP-ESCAP) concluded in Phuket, Thailand recently in cooperation with the Statistics division – ESCAP and National Statistics Office, Thailand.

The workshop brought together representatives of NSOs from Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Hong Kong, China, as well as representatives from the different international organisations – ILO, IMF, ASEAN Secretariat, ADB and ESCAP. The workshop had two themes. Day One focused on developing an outcome oriented training programme using the skills based training approach, with a particular focus on the Core Skills Framework that SIAP (CSF) will be using. Day Two focused on Strengthening Partnerships in Statistical Training.

Some key observations/recommendations were made during the workshop and includes SIAP training provides a key role for NSOs. Country training meets specific skill development needs. Tokyo based training is seen as a way of developing future leaders of the NSO, providing leadership, international exposure and networking opportunities. There was general agreement that the CSF is able to capture training needs. SIAP to work with NSOs, Statistical Training Institutes and regional and inter-governmental bodies to identify a group of people who can be trained as Trainers in relevant statistical disciplines across the region. Consistent with Principle 1 of the 2009 Dakar Declaration, NSOs to pro-actively identify possible duplication of training and other technical assistance with international donors.

A formal evaluation revealed that all participants found the workshop very fruitful and very important for their respective countries.

Further details are also available on the SIAP website (www.unsiap.or.jp).